

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 197 – SB 280

March 31, 2015

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Redefines “marijuana” by removing the requirement that cannabis oil containing cannabidiol and less than nine-tenths of one percent (0.9%) of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) be transferred, dispensed, possessed, or administered as part of a clinical research study to be legal possession.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (003968, 005286):** Adds epilepsy to the diagnoses for which a person may possess oil containing cannabidiol.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Under current law, “marijuana” includes cannabis oil unless it is being transferred, dispensed, possessed, or administered as part of a clinical research study. The bill removes the requirement that the oil be in possession as part of some study.
- Fiscal Review was not able to find any data on convictions for this specific instance. It is assumed that removing the clinical study requirement will not significantly impact misdemeanor or felony convictions.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts, the District Attorneys General Conference, and the District Public Defenders Conference confirm that the bill will not significantly impact their caseloads.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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